expansion programme for Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs) at Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Jaipur and Bangalore, and setting up of six new centres at Noida, Gurgaon, Ludhiana, Tirupur, Trivandrum and Mumbai;

(xi) For upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centres, a scheme titled "Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme" (TCIDS) under implementation;

(xii) The Cotton Technology Mission was launched to improve the productivity and quality of cotton for manufacture and export of competitive downstream textile products; and

(xiii) Announcement and implementation of the National Textile Policy 2Q00,which aims at developing a strong and vibrant textile industry that can attain and sustain a pre-eminent global standing in the manufacture and export of clothing in the global scenario.

Report of Task Force on Project Exports

*470. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force on Project Exports had submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of the Task Force; and

(d) if so, the current status of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The Task Force has submitted its report. The recommendations, *inter alia,* include constitution of a High Level Committee, sending country programming missions to target countries, harmonization of taxation policy, establishment of the Project Export Promotion Council, capacity building of Indian Missions abroad and strengthening of Exim Bank of India as well as Export Credit Guarantee Corporation. The report was considered by the Standing Committee of Secretaries and it was decided to have follow up action taken by the concerned Ministries/ Departments. The erstwhile Overseas Construction Council of India has been converted into the Project Export Promotion Council.